

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1928

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PROPOSAL FOR EXPLORATION

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new oil exploration wells dug up during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the result achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)& (b): A statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1928 for answer on 30.11.2000.

(a): Details of Exploratory Wells drilled during last three years by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Oil India Limited and the Private/Joint Venture Companies are given below:

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
State	No.of Explora- tory Wells drilled	No.of Explora- tory Wells drilled	No.of Explora- tory Wells drilled

Andhra Pradesh	22	22	18
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	1
Assam	25	24	27
Gujarat	43	47	51
Madhya Pradesh	1	-	-
Rajasthan	5	2	4
Tamil Nadu	17	19	19
Tripura	3	2	6
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	1

Total+ 116 116 127

+ This does not include offshore wells drilled from onland.

(b): Out of the total 359 exploratory wells drilled during the last three years, 176 wells were found to be hydrocarbon bearing.